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Small Game & General Hunting Regulations



This pamphlet gives you a summary of Wisconsin's
important hunting laws and how they affect you;
it is not a complete set of laws.



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What's New for 2003?

- Mourning Dove Hunt Sept. 1 – Oct. 30 (See page 28 for details)
 - Small Game Hunting Opportunities in Select State Parks (See page 18 for details)
 - Separate Small Game and Deer Hunting Regulations (See below)
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Dear Wisconsin Small Game Hunter,

A lot has happened since last fall and as a result hunters this year will be facing a number of changes. The one I am most excited about is the opportunity I was given earlier this year to be the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. I have enjoyed hunting and fishing in this great state my entire life and plan to bring the same passion and enthusiasm for hunting and fishing to my job as Secretary.

Other changes more directly impacting you as you head out into the field for another fall is a change in the hunting regulations you hold in your hand. Traditionally, this pamphlet would have included everything you needed to know for small game and deer hunting, however this year that must change.

Beginning this year, the traditional small game, deer and general hunting regulations will be published in two separate pamphlets. The small game and general hunting regulations will be provided in this pamphlet while the deer hunting regulations will appear in a second pamphlet which will be available in early August.

Developing a separate deer hunting regulations pamphlet was generated, in part, by the need for wildlife managers and wildlife health experts to have time to analyze chronic wasting disease data from the previous fall's hunt and develop corresponding zone maps and regulations for the upcoming fall season. The timelines associated with approving and implementing the deer-related rules and CWD zones by the Natural Resources Board prevent the deer hunting regulations from being included in this pamphlet.

Other exciting changes include our state's first dove hunt and the opportunity for limited small game hunting in a few of our state parks. Make sure you check our pages 18 and 28 for more information on these opportunities.

So, enjoy our state's rich hunting opportunities and have a safe hunt!

Good hunting,



Scott Hassett
Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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License, Stamp and Privilege Information

License	Resident	Non-Resident	Privileges Included
Conservation Patron	\$110	\$575	Small Game, Spring and Fall Turkey Licenses and Stamp, Pheasant Stamp, Deer Firearm, Archery, Trapping (not included with Non-resident), Fishing, State Fishing and Waterfowl Stamps, Most Permit Fees, DNR Magazine Subscription, Vehicle Admission to State Parks and Related Areas (Including State Trail Pass).
Sports	\$43	\$240	General Fishing, Small Game, Deer Firearm
Archery	\$20	\$135	Small Game, Deer, and Unprotected Species may be harvested with a bow.
Small Game	\$14	\$75	Small Game, Bobcat (Residents only with special permit), and Unprotected Species may be harvested with a firearm and bow.
Jr. Small Game (Ages 12-17)	\$8	N/A	Small Game, Bobcat (with special permit), and Unprotected Species may be harvested with a firearm and bow.
Sr. Citizen Small Game (Age 65 or Over)	\$7	N/A	Small Game, Bobcat (with special permit), and Unprotected Species may be harvested with a firearm and bow.
5-Day Small Game	N/A	\$43	Small game, excluding furbearing animals (see definition on page 32), hunted with a firearm or a bow during a specified, consecutive 5-day period.
Furbearing Animal Hunting	N/A	\$150	Hunt Skunk, Raccoon, Fox, Weasel, Opossum, Coyote and Bobcat (with special permit) with a firearm or bow.
Armed Forces Small Game (Available at Service Centers listed on back cover)	FREE	N/A	Hunt small game, bobcat (with special permit) and unprotected species with a firearm or bow and arrow. (See <i>Page 6 for stamp exemptions and page 9 for qualifications</i>).

Turkey Stamp	\$5.25	\$5.25	Required in addition to the appropriate spring or fall turkey hunting license. One stamp covers both spring and fall seasons in same calendar year.
Waterfowl Stamp	\$7	\$7	Required (in addition to the Federal Waterfowl Stamp) for waterfowl hunting in addition to a small game, archery or sports license for hunters 16 years old and older. (See <i>page 7 & 9 for exemptions</i>).
Pheasant Stamp	\$7.25	\$7.25	Required to hunt pheasant in pheasant management zone areas (see map on page 23) in addition to a small game, archery or sports license (See <i>page 7 & 9 for exemptions</i>)
Sharp-tailed Grouse Application	\$3	\$3	Must be submitted to be eligible in the drawing for a permit required for hunting Sharp-tailed grouse.
Bobcat Application	\$3	\$3	Must be submitted to be eligible in the drawing for a tag and permit required for hunting and trapping bobcat.
HIP (See Definition page 32)	\$0	\$0	Yearly registration required of all hunters who wish to hunt migratory game birds (including woodcock and mourning doves).
Bear (Includes Application, Class A and B Permits)			See Bear Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for Details*
Spring Turkey	\$11	\$55	See Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for Details*
Fall Turkey	\$11	\$55	See Fall Turkey Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for Details*
Trapping	\$18	N/A	See Trapping Regulations Pamphlet for Details*

*Available at DNR Service Centers (see back cover) and Online at www.dnr.state.wi.us
 All licenses available at authorized license agents (ALIS Terminal), over the phone at 1-877-WI LICENSE, or online at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us>

Licensing and Stamp Requirements:

- Hunters must carry a valid hunting license and necessary stamp privilege on their person while engaged in hunting and exhibited to a Warden upon request.
- Persons born on or after January 1, 1973 must present their hunter education certificate, last year's license, or proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard to purchase any hunting license. *Contact your local DNR office for hunter education courses.*
- A certificate for successful completion of a bow hunter education course can be used to purchase an archery license.
- It is illegal to allow someone else to use or carry your license or tag, or for you to use or carry some other person's license or tag when engaged in hunting.
- No person less than 12 years old may obtain a license which authorizes hunting.
- To receive a duplicate license, you must turn in all remaining parts of the lost license to a license agent. (Available from any license sales agent).
- First time purchasers of a Wisconsin hunting license must provide their social security number.

Effective Dates:

- All hunting licenses are effective immediately after purchase and with the opening of the specific seasons except the following:
 - Archery licenses purchased after the open season for deer begins, are not valid until 3 days after the purchase, excluding day of purchase (Example: A license purchased on a Monday is valid on Thursday), except for **resident** members of the U.S. armed forces who exhibits proof that they are on furlough or leave.
 - Non-resident 5-day small game licenses, which are valid beginning on the date specified on the license and for 5 consecutive days thereafter.
- All 2003 hunting licenses expire on March 31, 2004 with the exception of the Non-resident 5-day small game license, which expires on date stated on license.

Resident Licenses:

To purchase a resident hunting license:

- a person must have maintained a permanent residence in this state for 30 consecutive days immediately before purchasing a license. Domiciliary intent is required. Mere presence in the state for a 30-day period or ownership of property is not sufficient to establish residency. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes where the person votes, pays personal income taxes, or obtains a driver's license.

Purchase of a resident sports or small game license is allowed for:

- full-time undergraduate students in residence at a public or private Wisconsin college or university offering a bachelor's degree, foreign citizens residing in the state and attending a Wisconsin high school or a university agricultural short course, and non-residents who exhibit proof they are in active service with the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Wisconsin.

Applications for Special Permit Programs:

The following special permits, acquired through an application and drawing process, are required in addition to hunting (or trapping) licenses and/or stamps to pursue these species. The current programs are:

Program:	Application Deadline:
Hunter's Choice/ Bonus (Deer)	July 21
Regular Season Goose	August 11
Fall Turkey	August 11
Sharp-tailed Grouse	August 11
Bobcat	September 10
Otter	September 10
Fisher	September 10
Spring Turkey	December 10
Bear	January 16, 2004

These drawings are administered using a cumulative preference system. Applicants accumulate preference points by applying and being unsuccessful in a drawing. The following year, assuming they file a valid application, they are drawn in a preferred status. No additional points are accumulated in years in which a valid application is not received. After each permit drawing, applicants can visit the DNR website to determine whether they received a permit or how many preference points they have. For more information, visit our website at www.dnr.state.wi.us, call the main DNR line at (608) 266-2621, or call your local DNR Service Center.

Internet License Sales and Applications:

Now both resident and non-resident customers can purchase their hunting licenses and submit their special permit applications via the Internet. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the DNR website at www.dnr.state.wi.us. Licenses that do not have a back tag, carcass tag, or harvest report card can even be printed at home (other licenses will be delivered by mail within 7 days). When submitting special permit applications, the customer will receive an immediate, printable confirmation that their application data was received. Visit the DNR website, or call (608) 266-2621 for more information.

Resident Hunter Education Graduates:

First time resident Hunter Education Graduates are entitled to the following:

- Free small game hunting privileges until March 31st of the calendar year following the year of graduation. Your hunter education card acts as your license, no additional documentation required.
- Exemption from purchasing the pheasant and **state** waterfowl stamp privileges during the period in which the small game hunting privilege is free.

Hunter Safety and Education

Required: Persons born on or after January 1, 1973 must present their hunter education certificate, last year's license, or proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. armed forces, Reserves or National Guard to purchase any hunting license. A certificate for successful completion of a Bow hunter education course can be used to purchase an archery license. *Contact your local DNR office for course information or visit our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/>*

License privileges: Certificates issued to Wisconsin Resident 12 years old and older after January 1, 2003 are valid for hunting small game until March 31, 2004.

Stamp privileges: First year hunter education course graduates whose certificates are valid for small game hunting as described above, are exempt from the need to purchase a Pheasant Stamp and State Waterfowl Stamp.

Adult Supervision Required:

A parent or guardian must accompany Hunters 12 and 13 years of ages.

Accompanied means within sight and voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.

Persons under the age of 12 may not possess a firearm, except as part of a hunter education course.

Special Educational Hunts:

- **Buckhorn State Park and Wildlife Area:** Deer hunting is offered to youth who complete a "Learn to Hunt Workshop." For applications and information regarding dates and fees, write or call Buckhorn State Park at W8450 Buckhorn Park Avenue, Necedah, WI 54646-7338; Phone (608) 565-2789. **Applications are due July 15.**
- **Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center:** Deer hunting is offered to youth and beginner adults who complete a "Learn to Deer Hunt Workshop." For dates and fees, write or call the Center at Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413; 715-884-2437. **Applications are due May 30.**

Loew Lake Unit Novice Turkey Hunting:

Spring turkey hunting is available for a limited number of first time turkey hunters. For information and application instructions call (262) 670-3409 or write to: Wildlife Biologist, KMSF-Pike Lake, 3544 Kettle Moraine Rd., Hartford, WI 53027 before January 20, 2004.

Disabled Hunters:

Qualified disabled persons may obtain permits to hunt from a stationary vehicle and/or use a crossbow. In addition, Class A and C disabled permit holders are authorized to harvest a deer of either sex with their regular gun deer carcass tag. Contact a DNR service center for details. Allow 30-60 days for processing. Important: Disabled permits issued prior to 1989 expired in 1994. If you possess an old permit which has no expiration date, contact your local DNR Service Center.

Special Disabled Hunts:

Disabled Deer Hunts: Dates: Oct. 4 - Oct. 12, 2003. People who wish to sponsor a deer hunt for people with Class A and C disabilities must submit an application to their local wildlife manager by **June 1st**. Interested hunters should contact the nearest DNR Service Center or disabled deer hunt sponsor before **September 1st**.

Armed Forces Members:

Armed Forces Members are entitled to the following:

- Anyone able to provide proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces (Reserves or National Guard) is exempt from the Hunter Education requirements.

If a Wisconsin Resident:

- A **U.S. Armed Forces member** who exhibits proof that he or she is:
 1. A **Resident**,
 2. In **active service** with the Armed Forces, and
 3. Is on **furlough or leave**, may receive a **free small game license** (available only at DNR Service Centers. See back cover). **Note: The state waterfowl and pheasant stamps are not required with this free license.**
- A **U.S. Armed Forces member** who exhibits proof of:
 1. **Active service** with the Armed Forces and that they are
 2. **Stationed in the state, or**
 3. Is a **Resident on furlough or leave**, **are exempt from the three day waiting period** for resident archery and resident Conservation Patron licenses purchased after the season opens.

If a Non-Resident:

- **Non-resident active duty** U.S. Armed Forces members **stationed in Wisconsin** may purchase a **resident gun deer, sports, and small game license**.

Senior Citizen Recreation Card Holders:

The Senior Citizen Recreation Card, which is no longer offered, is a former approval that has not been available since 1991. It conveys lifetime privileges to the holder as outlined below as long as the holder possesses the card.

The Senior Citizen Recreation Card includes:

Small game hunting privileges, fishing privileges, state park sticker and state trail access, spring and fall turkey hunting privileges, turkey stamp privileges, state waterfowl stamp privileges, pheasant stamp privileges, Great Lakes Trout and Salmon stamp and Inland Trout stamp privileges.

The Senior Citizen Recreation Card does not include:

Federal Migratory Bird Stamp, Early Goose Permit, Exterior Goose Permit, Regular (Horicon or Collins) Goose application, Fall or Spring Turkey application, Sharptail Grouse application, or Sturgeon Spearing license.

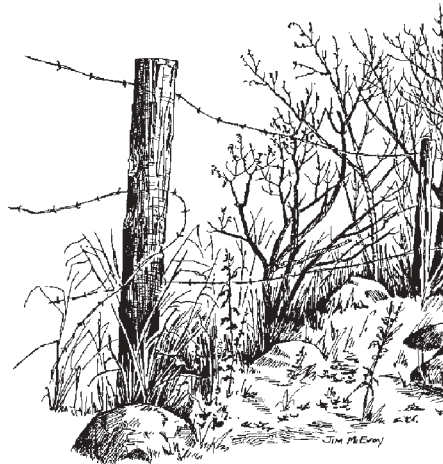
Private Lands and Landowner Information

License Requirements: A landowner is required to have a license to hunt deer, bear, game birds, bobcat and unprotected species or to trap otter, muskrat, mink or fishers. The owner or occupant of any land and any family member 12 years old and over living with them, may, **without a license** and subject to all other restrictions except seasons, hunt or trap on their own property for beaver, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, woodchucks, rabbits, and squirrels year-round; however, hunting is not allowed during the 24-hour period immediately preceding the gun deer season.

Liability: Under sec. 895.52 of the Wisconsin Statutes, landowners are generally immune from liability for injuries received by individuals recreating on their lands. This law provides liability protection for landowners from injury or death of individuals occurring when participating in outdoor recreation activities on their land such as fishing, hunting, trapping, hiking, camping, boating and berry picking. This immunity does not apply when the landowner receives more than \$2,000 a year income from the recreation activity or when the landowner acted maliciously with an intent to harm the recreator. There also is an exception for social guests invited specifically for an occasion on residential or platted property or property within 300 feet of a commercial building or structure. Courts have consistently interpreted this statute to protect landowners in furtherance of its purpose, to encourage landowners to allow others to recreate on their lands.

Trespassing: Individuals entering a landowner's property without the consent of the landowner are trespassing and can be fined up to \$1,000. Landowners suspecting that individuals are trespassing on their property should contact their local Sheriff or other local law enforcement. **Note: Conservation wardens do not have the authority to investigate trespassing complaints.**

Managed Forest Lands: Landowners enrolled in either the Forest Crop Law or the Managed Forest Law programs are not required to remove elevated tree stands daily (from land they own as long as no damage is done to the tree). This exception can also be granted to other individuals using the landowner's property with the landowners prior permission. In addition, owners of land enrolled in these programs and individuals authorized by the landowner can operate vehicles and park on these lands.



State-Owned Lands (including State Forests)

It is illegal to:

- hunt or possess any firearm or bow in any wildlife refuge or possess any firearm, air gun, slingshot or bow in any state park, state fish hatchery, or within 100 yards of any state campground or picnic area (except as posted open to deer hunting) unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or in the case of a bow/crossbow, unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- pursue, drive or chase animals on lands under the ownership or control of the DNR that are closed to hunting.
- build or use a ground blind or any elevated device on lands owned or under the control of the DNR unless it does not damage the tree and it is completely removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours. This also includes lands enrolled in the Managed Forest Law (MFL) and Forest Crop Law (FCL) programs, however this does not apply to the landowners of land enrolled in the program or those who have the landowner's authorization.
Note: Ground blinds may be constructed entirely of dead vegetation found on the property. All national forest lands, federal refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas are protected by similar rules. For lands under county ownership, check local ordinances.
- damage trees on state-owned lands including MFL and FCL lands.
Note: Cutting shooting lanes and use of screw-in tree-stands or steps are considered damaging and are illegal.
- possess any loaded or uncased firearm or air gun while within the exterior boundary of state-owned lands posted with department signs in Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Sauk, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties or on state forest lands in the Kettle Moraine or Point Beach state forests, state recreation areas or on state trails established on abandoned railroad grades, except as follows:
 1. while engaged in hunting in accordance with the open seasons listed on pages 20 - 31.
 2. while shooting at an established target range (this is the only target shooting permitted on state-lands).
 3. while training or trialing dogs under department permit within designated areas.
- camp on any state lands except in designated campgrounds unless a special camp registration permit is obtained from the DNR prior to setting up camp.
- allow dogs to run on DNR lands from April 15 through July 31 unless the dog is on a leash no longer than 8 feet. This rule does not apply to class 1 field trial grounds or DNR lands open to dog training.
- operate motor vehicles, including ATVs and snowmobiles on lands owned or operated by the DNR except for areas posted open to such use.

Pick up litter and
keep your hunting grounds healthy!

General Hunting Regulations

Firearm and Bow Restrictions

Note: Be sure to check with local authorities before using firearms in urbanized or populated areas.

1. General Restrictions

It is illegal to:

- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt with any means other than a gun discharged from the shoulder, a bow and arrow, or by falconry. Handguns may be used as described under the “handgun section” (page 13).
- possess any firearm from 12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. on November 21, 2003 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case (see definitions page 32). Exceptions: target shooting at established target ranges, waterfowl hunting during open season, and hunting on licensed bird hunting preserves and registered deer farms. Established target range means an existing facility that has target shooting with firearms as its major purpose.
- shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands you do not own without the permission of the owner or occupant of that building.

2. Rifles

It is illegal to:

- possess a rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches.
- possess a rifle with an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- possess a rifle larger than .22 rimfire during the gun deer season in shotgun only deer season areas unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.
- hunt any game bird with a rifle.
- hunt deer or bear with a .22 or 5 mm rimfire rifle or .17 caliber center-fire rifle.

3. Shotguns and shotshells

Shotgun means a smoothbore barreled firearm designed to shoot pellets. Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18" in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20 and 28.

It is illegal to:

- possess a shotgun (defined above) with a barrel length of less than 18 inches.
- possess a shotgun with an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- possess or control any shotshell loaded with single slug or ball while hunting, except during the gun season for deer or bear.
- hunt deer with a .410 bore shotgun.
- possess while hunting, shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 2 (or June 1 - Dec. 16 in Zone T or Metro DMUs.)
- hunt any game bird with a shotgun loaded with shot larger than No. BB* or with single slug or ball, or with a bore larger than a no. 10 gauge.
***Note:** Nontoxic shot size BBB and T may be used for hunting waterfowl.
- hunt any migratory game bird, including mourning dove, woodcock, rail and snipe, with any shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells.

- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed or used for hunting upland game species on the Horicon and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuges, and federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas except that lead shot may be used for wild turkey hunting on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge. This rule does not apply to hunting with rifles and shotguns firing a single projectile. For more information, contact the refuge managers or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, MN 55111.

4. Muzzleloaders

- For the purposes of hunting wild animals **other than** deer or bear “Muzzleloader” means any caliber of muzzleloading firearm discharged from the shoulder.
- Muzzleloaders may be used in all regular deer season zones and firearm herd-control hunts.
- Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a percussion muzzleloader or the flashpan is cleaned of powder on a flintlock muzzleloader; the ball and powder can remain in the barrel.

5. Handguns

It is illegal to:

- hunt with or possess a handgun if under the age of 18 years. Target shooting with handguns by persons under the age of 18 years is allowed only when supervised by an adult.
- hunt any game with a handgun except as follows:
 1. Bobcat, coyote, fox, hare, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, and unprotected species may be hunted with handguns or pellet guns .177 caliber and larger. Handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.
 2. Persons possessing a class A, B or C disabled permit may use handguns chambered for .410 or larger shot shells for hunting all species except deer, bear, turkey, and migratory game birds.
- possess a concealed handgun.
- transport a handgun in a vehicle unless it is unloaded and completely enclosed within a carrying case. **Note:** A holster is not a legal carrying case unless it completely encloses the handgun, so that no part of the handgun is visible.

6. Bows, arrows, and crossbows

It is illegal to:

- hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull or draw weight of less than 30 pounds.
- possess, while hunting, any crossbow (except as described on page 14) or poisoned, drugged or explosive tipped arrow.
- use, possess or control while hunting deer or bear any arrows with a metal broad head blade less than seven-eighths inch in width and must be well-sharpened.

Crossbows are not legal to use except by the following:

1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.

7. Arms transportation

It is illegal to:

- possess, place or transport in or on any vehicle, whether moving or stationary, any firearm, bow or crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case and the bow or crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
 - possess, place or transport in or on any motor driven boat while the motor is running, any firearm, bow or crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded and bow or crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within the carrying case.
- Exception: Possession of a strung or uncased bow in a boat while using any motor is legal for bowfishing only. A fishing license is required for bowfishing.

Note: Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a percussion muzzleloader or the flashpan is cleaned of powder on a flintlock muzzleloader; the ball and powder can remain in the barrel.

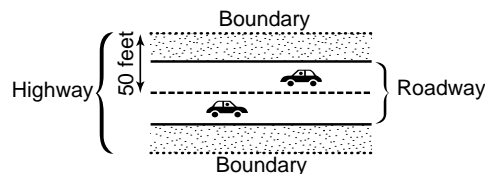
Other Restrictions

1. Road hunting

Highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road, but does not include private roads and driveways.

Roadway means the portion of the highway which is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.

Public road means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation.



It is illegal to:

- Hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or
- Discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow:
 - From or across a highway, or
 - Within 50 feet of the roadway's center.

The above prohibition applies to all public roads (defined above). However, anyone hunting small game with a muzzleloader or shotgun loaded with shot size BB or smaller is exempt from these prohibitions if the roadway is unpaved (dirt, sand or gravel).

Exceptions: Certain exceptions are allowed for Class A and B disabled permit holders. Call the nearest DNR Service Center (back cover) for an explanation of these exceptions and request publication number WM-352-2001.

2. Vehicle restrictions

It is illegal to operate any vehicle, including, but not limited to, snowmobiles, bicycles, trail bikes, and all terrain vehicles on lands owned or under the control of the DNR and on federal waterfowl production areas, except where their use is authorized by posted notice or permit or in the case of Managed Forest Law and

Forest Crop Law lands, authorization of the landowner. This prohibition does not apply to public roadways and trails held open to the public for the type of vehicle being operated.

3. Shining

It is illegal to:

- use or possess with intent to use, a light (including vehicle headlights) for shining any wild animal while hunting or in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow (includes laser sights on firearms, bows and crossbows).
- use or possess with intent to use, whether or not a firearm or bow is in possession, a light for shining wild animals (including vehicle headlights) between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 through December 31.

Note: Some areas may prohibit shining by local ordinance. Check with the local Sheriff's department or township officials for local shining restrictions.

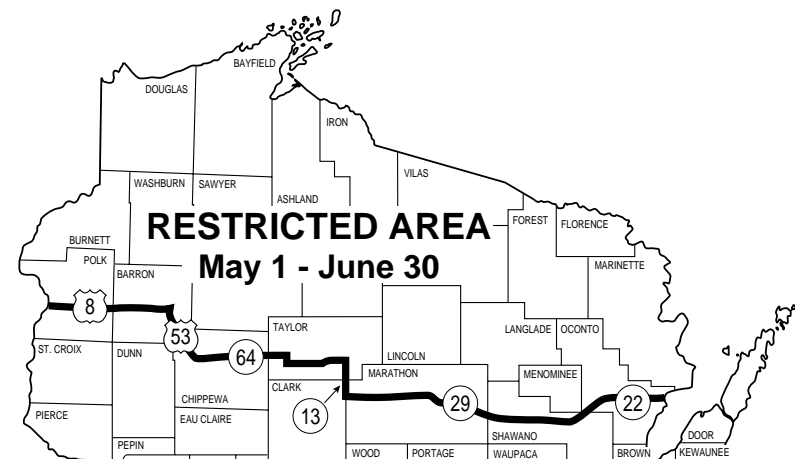
- shine at any time on federal refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas.

Exceptions: A flashlight may be used: 1) while shooting raccoon, fox, or unprotected species at the point of kill while hunting on foot, or 2) to find your way.

4. Dog Training

It is illegal to:

- allow dogs to run on DNR lands from April 15 through July 31 unless the dog is on a leash no longer than 8 feet. This rule does not apply to class 1 field trial grounds or DNR lands open to dog training.
 - while hunting or training dogs, allow the dog to kill any wild animal.
- Note:** Hunters using dogs may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.
- hunt or pursue any free-roaming wild animal with the aid of any dog from May 1 to June 30 in that portion of the state north of the highways shown on the following map, except for raccoon and rabbit dog trials and training under hound dog trial or training license.



5. Use of devices

It is illegal to:

- hunt any animal with the aid of an airplane.
- use any device other than legal firearms, bows, traps or falconry birds to kill or catch wild animals.
- use a bow equipped with a “Draw-Loc” type mechanism that is capable of holding a bow at full draw while hunting.
Note: such devices are legal for use by individuals authorized to use crossbows, but must meet all the requirements listed under crossbows on page 14.
- use any electronic or electronically amplified calls while hunting migratory game birds or wild turkeys.
Note: It is legal to use any type of call or amplified sound for attracting foxes, raccoon, crows, deer and coyotes during the open season.
- use or possess laser sights while hunting.

6. Tribal lands

Special rules apply on tribal lands in portions or all of Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Iron, Menominee, Oneida, Sawyer, and Vilas counties. For more information, contact the tribal chairpersons.

7. Dogs

- Dogs are considered private property and are protected by law. Only conservation wardens may kill dogs chasing deer. Owners may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.
- A dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person and the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog.

8. Transport and sale of game

It is illegal to:

- sell, purchase, or barter, or offer to sell, purchase or barter any bear, deer, squirrel, or game bird or part thereof **except:**
 1. the tail and skin of any squirrel or head and skin of any deer lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the carcass.
 2. the hide of a lawfully killed bear may be sold or bartered only if the claws, head, and teeth are attached. Bear claws and teeth may not be sold, purchased, traded or bartered when separated from the hide. The sale of other bear parts is also prohibited.
 3. rabbit, raccoon, and other furbearing animal carcasses can be sold during the open season for those species. (The DNR may retain Bobcat, Fisher and Otter carcasses for research)

9. Serving game to guests

It is illegal for Innkeepers, managers or stewards of any restaurant, club, hotel, boarding house, tavern, logging or mining camp to sell, barter, serve or give, or cause to be sold, bartered, served or given to its guests or boarders any of the following:

1. The meat of any deer, bear, squirrel or game bird at any time.
2. The meat of any wild animal not listed under 1., during the closed season for the wild animal, whether the meat of the wild animal is lawfully or unlawfully taken in or out of state.

Note: The Department of Natural Resources may issue a permit authorizing the serving of lawfully taken and possessed wild animals at any time. Contact your local DNR Service Center for more information on Wild Game Serving Permits.

10. Trap theft

Stealing or molesting lawfully set or placed traps or snares is a criminal act and is punishable by fine (\$300-\$1000), imprisonment (up to 90 days), or both, and a mandatory 5-year revocation of license privileges.

11. Taking and possession of game

It is illegal to:

- take any wild animal which has been lawfully obtained by someone else without having that person's consent.
- hunt beaver, fisher, mink, muskrat or otter with the aid of a spear, gun or dog, except landowners can take beaver with a firearm.
- not immediately kill, in a humane manner, all game taken and make it part of the daily bag.
- molest any squirrel nest or den, raccoon den or tree, mink den, or muskrat house.
- unreasonably destroy, molest or waste game. You must make every reasonable effort to retrieve all game killed or crippled. Until such effort is made, such game shall be included in the daily bag. This rule does not allow you to trespass without permission of the landowner nor shoot game beyond established shooting hours.
- possess any game unless you hold a valid hunting license or state permit carried on your person, unless you are hunting as a landowner, as explained on page 9.

12. Hunting accidents

Any person involved in an accident in which a person is injured by gunfire or bow and arrow while hunting or trapping must first render necessary assistance and immediately report the incident to the local sheriff or police. Every person involved in a hunting accident must render a report to the DNR within 10 days.

13. Blaze orange clothing requirements:

During any gun or muzzleloader deer seasons, including the one day youth deer hunt (Nov. 1), Zone T hunts (Oct. 30 - Nov. 2 and Dec. 11-14) and CWD hunts, no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. **Note:** Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Camo-blaze is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.

14. Baiting

At the time this publication was printed, the baiting regulations were still undecided and were being reviewed by the Natural Resources Board and the State Legislature. For more information please see the *2003 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* which will be available in August.

15. Non-toxic shot currently approved for use:

- a. Steel shot,
- b. Steel shot with coatings of <1% total mass of either copper, nickel, zinc chromate, or zinc chloride,
- c. Bismuth-tin in a mixture of 97-3%, respectively,
- d. Tungsten-iron, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, tungsten-matrix, and tungsten-polymer.

State Park Hunting

Small Game

In fall of 2003, 2004 and 2005 limited small game hunting will be offered in Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake and Newport State Parks. Special regulations for hunting in these parks include:

1. All approved hunting areas will be designated (contact the park offices for a map of the areas open to small game hunting).
2. All hunts will be limited to shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, and bow (*no rifles*).
3. The discharging of firearms will not be allowed outside of the designated hunting area.
4. All state parks conducting hunting will be clearly posted to notify the general public where and when hunting is allowed.
5. All hunters must register at the entrance station at the State Park prior to hunting (contact the State Park for details on gaining access to the park).

Small game hunting in State Parks will follow established regulations for small game listed in this pamphlet *except* as follows:

1. The proposed Parks will be open to all small game species *except* those specifically exempted in a given park (contact the State Park for a list of huntable small game species).
2. The use of dogs for small game hunting will be permitted only in areas designated for small game hunting.
3. Small Game hunting will be permitted only between November 1 and December 15 (except where the season ends earlier for a particular species —see pages 20-29). Bag limits applicable to the land surrounding the park would apply to the park as well.
4. Waterfowl hunting in Mirror Lake State Park will be permitted for the full, regular migratory waterfowl season.
5. Small game hunting will be permitted only from one half-hour before sunrise until 12 noon each day.
6. Small game hunting will be by special permit only (contact the State Park for information on obtaining this free access permit).

Special Hunts

Badger Army Ammunition Plant: For hunting information send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Commander's Representative, Badger Army Ammunition Plant, ATTN: SMCBA-NR, Baraboo, WI 53913-5000.

Volk Field Military Facility/Deer Hunting: For information send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope (8 3/4" X 3 3/4") to: Attn: Natural Resources Management, Volk Field ANGB, 100 Independence Dr., Camp Douglas, WI 54618-5001. Website: www.volkfield.ang.af.mil/dnrdan/index.html.

Fort McCoy Military Reservation: Applications for hunting permits may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Directorate of Training, Mobilization and Security, AFRC-FM-TMR-B (Permit Sales), 110 E. Headquarters

Rd., Fort McCoy WI 54656-5226. Applications may also be obtained from the Web site at www.mccoy.army.mil. Applications are available at the end of February. Information: (608) 388-3337.

Apostle Islands/Muzzleloader Deer: Permits are required to participate in the Oct. 1-31 muzzleloader season on Oak and Basswood Islands. Apply between June 15 and July 15 on special application forms, which can be obtained by writing: Superintendent, Apostle Islands National Lake Shore, Rt. 1, Box 4, Bayfield, WI 54814 or call 715-779-3397. Madeline and Long Islands are open to regular statewide seasons; all others are closed.

Horicon National Wildlife Refuge (NWR): (Dodge/Fond du Lac Counties) offers archery, shotgun deer and small game hunting. For details, write to Horicon NWR, Refuge Manager, W4279 Headquarters Rd., Mayville, WI 53050 or call 920-387-2658.

Fox River NWR: (Marquette County) offers limited deer hunting. Gun deer hunting during the Oct. 24-27 deer herd control hunt is prohibited. Contact the Horicon NWR Refuge Manager (see above).

Necedah NWR: (Juneau County) offers deer, migratory bird, wild turkey, and limited small game hunting (coyote hunting is not allowed). For details, write the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Necedah NWR, ATTN: Refuge Manager, Necedah, WI 54646 or call 608-565-2551.

Trempealeau NWR: (Trempealeau County) offers gun deer hunting and late season archery under refuge permit. For details, write to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Trempealeau NWR, ATTN: Refuge Manager, W28488 Refuge Rd., Trempealeau, WI 54661-8272 or call 608-539-2311.

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge: Portions of the refuge are open to hunting with the following exceptions: On areas posted "NO HUNTING ZONE" all hunting is prohibited. On areas posted "AREA CLOSED" all migratory bird hunting, including ducks, geese, brant, crows, doves, woodcock, snipe, rails, coots and gallinules is prohibited. Other hunting is allowed beginning the day after the close of the duck season. On OPEN HUNTING AREAS, all hunting is prohibited from March 16 until the opening of the fall hunting seasons except spring turkey hunting is allowed. For more information, contact: Refuge Headquarters, 51 East 4th Street, Room 101, Winona, MN 55987, or phone (507) 452-4231.

Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA): WPA's are located around the state. For more information on public use areas and additional hunting restrictions contact the US Fish and Wildlife Service in the Northwest at 715-246-7784 or in the Southeast at 608-742-7100 or in the West at (715) 839-3700.

Note: Only non-toxic shot may be possessed or used for hunting upland game species on the Horicon and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuges, and federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas except that lead shot may be used for wild turkey hunting on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge. This rule does not apply to hunting with rifles and shotguns firing a single projectile. For more information, contact the refuge managers or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, MN 55111.

Small Game Animal Hunting Seasons & Regulations

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2003-2004	
			Opens	Closes
Squirrels-Gray and Fox	5	Statewide	Sept. 13	Jan. 31
Cottontail Rabbit	3	North Zone (see Map)	Sept. 13	Feb. 28
	3	South Zone (see Map)	Oct. 18 (Noon)	Feb. 28
Jack Rabbit	3	Statewide	Oct. 18 (Noon)	Nov. 15
Snowshoe Hare	Unlimited	Statewide	Year-round open season	

Possession Limits: twice the daily bag limit.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset (see tables on pages 34-37 for exact times).

Note: Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is prohibited on November 21, 2003 unless at a licensed bird hunting preserve, established shooting range or while waterfowl hunting.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits: Small game hunting approval/authorization is required. (See Pages 4-10 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners.)

Weapons:

- Rifles** must have an overall 26" minimum length with 16" minimum barrel length. **Note:** There is no restriction on rifle caliber size or shell holding capacity, *except* in "shotgun season" areas during the regular gun deer season and the October and December Zone T herd control seasons (see *2003 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*).
- Shotguns** must have an overall 26" minimum length with 18" minimum barrel length and when used for the above listed small game animals are not restricted by gauge size or shell holding capacity.
- Muzzleloaders** of any caliber of gauge discharged from the shoulder are legal for above species.



- Handguns and Pellet guns** .177 caliber and larger with minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin (or to the breech face in the case of muzzleloading handguns) are legal for the small game species listed on page 20.
- Fully Automatic firearms** are *not* legal to possess or use for hunting.
- Bow and Arrows** are legal to use with either a small game license or archery license. There is *no* restriction on draw weight for longbow, recurve or compound bows for small game. Blunt tips or broad-heads may be used.
- Crossbows** are not legal to use except by the following:
 - Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
 - Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.
- Vehicles** - All firearms must be unloaded and legally cased when in or on any vehicle. Bows and crossbows must be unstrung or legally cased whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters (see page 8).

Ammunition:

- It is illegal to possess or control shotshells loaded with single slug or ball while hunting except during the open gun deer season.
- It is illegal to possess while hunting, shot or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 2 (or June 1 - Dec. 16 in southern Zone T or in Metro DMUs.)
- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed when hunting on National Wildlife Refuges that allow hunting and on Waterfowl Production Areas.
- It is legal to hunt the small game animals listed in the table on page 20 with muzzleloaders loaded with a single slug or ball.

Electronic Calls: Legal for hunting of squirrels, rabbits and hares.

Dogs: Legal to use for hunting squirrels, rabbits and hares.

Highways and Roadways: It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow *from or across* a highway (defined on page 14), or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. See pages 14 and 15 for details and exceptions.

Baiting: All baiting must comply with the general baiting rules. See the *2003 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* which will be available in August 2003 for specific baiting regulations.

Possession and Sale: The tails and skins of lawfully taken squirrels may be bought and sold, but not the carcass. Carcasses of rabbits and hares can be sold, but only during their open season dates specified on page 20.

Blaze Orange Clothing: Required at certain times for hunting small game, when a deer firearm or muzzleloader season is occurring. 50% of outer clothing above the waist must be blaze orange, including your hat if one is worn. Includes the one-day youth deer hunt on November 1, the October and December Zone T deer hunts Oct. 30-Nov.2, Dec. 11-14, regular gun deer season Nov. 22-30, muzzleloader season Dec. 1-10, and special CWD hunts.

Game Bird Hunting Seasons and Regulations

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2003-2004	
			Opens	Closes
Pheasants	See below**	Statewide	Oct. 18 (Noon)	Dec. 31
Bobwhite Quail	5	Statewide	Oct. 18 (Noon)	Dec. 10
Ruffed Grouse	5	Zone A	Sept. 13	Dec. 31
	5	Zone B	Sept. 13	Jan. 31
	2	Zone C	Oct. 18	Dec. 8
Hungarian Partridge	3	Statewide***	Oct. 18 (Noon)	Dec. 31
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Determined by permits	Apply by permit for specific areas	Oct. 18	Nov. 9
			Jan. 26	Mar. 20
Crows	15	Statewide	Sept. 13	Nov. 20
			Jan. 26	Mar. 20

** Pheasant: Oct. 18-19, 1 cock daily, Remainder of season 2 cocks daily

*** Hungarian Partridge Season CLOSED in Clark, Marathon and Taylor Counties

Note: Turkey Regulations are published in separate pamphlets.

Possession Limits: twice the daily bag limit for that species.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset (see tables on pages 34-37 for exact times).

Note: Refer to special separate 2003 Public Hunting Ground Pheasant season pamphlet for cock and hen hunting seasons and special 2:00 pm daily closing hours.

Note: Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is prohibited on November 21, 2003 unless at a bird hunting preserve, established range or while waterfowl hunting.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits:

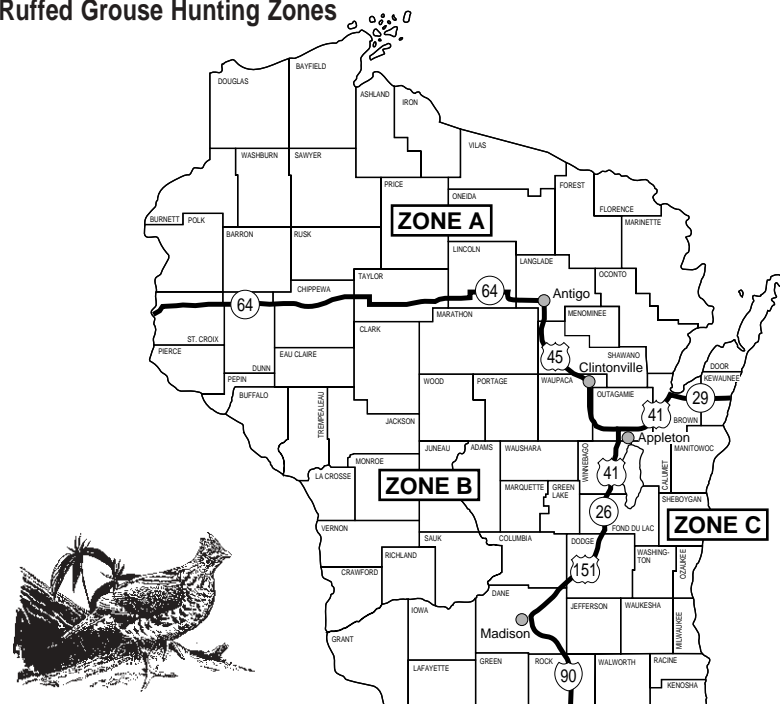
- Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required.
- See Pages 4-10 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners.
- Pheasant – A pheasant stamp is required in Pheasant Management Zones only. (See map on adjacent page).
- Ruffed Grouse, Quail, Partridge and Crow - No special stamps or permits are required.
- Sharp-tailed Grouse - Must apply for a permit for specified areas. No stamp required. **Application Deadline is August 11th.**
- HIP Certification is **not** required for hunting the above listed game birds.

Electronic Calls: Are legal to use for the above listed game birds.

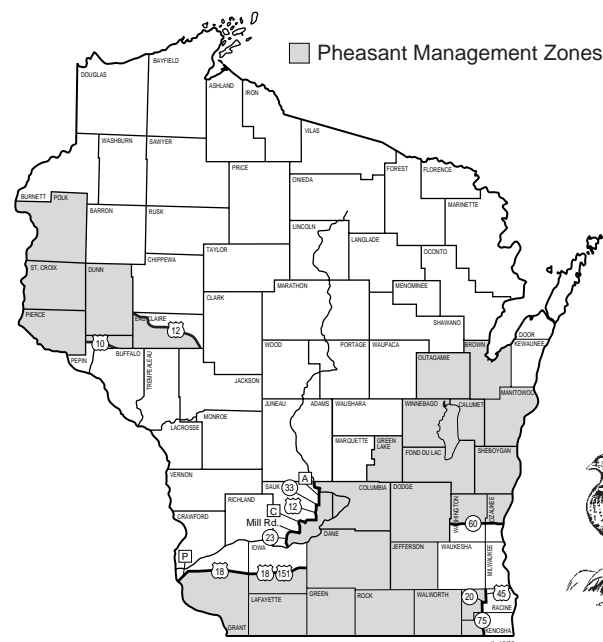
Dogs: Are legal to use for the above listed game birds.

Possession and Sale: It is not legal to sell, purchase or trade any game bird or the parts of any game bird.

Ruffed Grouse Hunting Zones



Pheasant Management Zones



Game Bird Hunting Seasons and Regulations *continued*

Weapons:

- **Rifles** are *not* allowed for hunting any of the game birds listed on page 22. **Shotguns** must have an overall 26" minimum length with 18" minimum barrel length and when used for the game birds listed on page 22 are not restricted by gauge size or shell holding capacity.
- **Muzzleloaders** any caliber discharged from the shoulder are legal for hunting the game birds listed in the season table on page 22. (See **Ammunition** below.)
- **Handguns**, including muzzle-loading handguns, are not legal for game birds, except that persons possessing a class A or C disabled permit may use handguns chambered for and loaded with .410 or larger shot shells for hunting the species listed in the table on page 22.
- **Bow and Arrows** are legal to use with either a small game license or archery license. There is *no* restriction on draw weight for longbow, recurve or compound bows for small game. Blunt tips or broad-heads may be used.
- **Crossbows** are not legal to use except by the following:
 1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
 2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.
- **Vehicles** - All firearms must be unloaded and cased when in or on any vehicle. Bows and Crossbows must be unstrung or in a case whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.

Ammunition:

- It is illegal to possess or control shotshells loaded with single slug or ball while hunting except during the open gun deer season.
- It is illegal to hunt game birds with shotguns or rifles loaded with a single slug or ball. (Note: this prohibition includes muzzle-loading firearms.)
- It is illegal to possess while hunting, shot or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 2 (or June 1 - Dec. 16 in southern Zone T or in Metro DMUs.)
- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed when hunting on National Wildlife Refuges that allow hunting and on Waterfowl Production Areas.

Baiting: All baiting must comply with the general baiting rules. See the *2003 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* which will be available in August 2003 for specific baiting regulations.

Highways and Roadways: It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow *from or across* a highway (defined on page 14), or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. See pages 14 and 15 for details and exceptions.

Blaze Orange Clothing: Required at certain times for hunting game birds, when a deer firearm or muzzleloader season is occurring. 50% of outer clothing above the waist must be blaze orange, including your hat if one is worn. Includes the one-day youth deer hunt on November 1, the October and December Zone T deer hunts Oct. 30-Nov.2, Dec. 11-14, regular gun deer season Nov. 22-30, muzzleloader season Dec. 1-10, and special CWD hunts.

Furbearing Game Animal Hunting Seasons & Regulations

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2003-2004	
			Opens	Closes
Raccoons - Residents	Unlimited	Statewide	Oct. 18 (12:00 am)	Jan. 31
Raccoons - Nonresidents	Unlimited	Statewide	Nov. 1 (12:00 am)	Jan. 31
Fox - Red and Gray	Unlimited	North of Hwy. 64	Oct. 18	Feb. 15
	Unlimited	South of Hwy. 64	Oct. 25	Feb. 15
Coyote	Unlimited	Statewide	See map on page 26	
Bobcat *	1 by Permit	North of Hwy. 64	Oct. 18	Dec. 31

* Application Deadline for Bobcat is September 10.

Possession Limits: Unlimited for above listed species except Bobcat, which may be hunted by permit only.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset (see tables on pages 34-37 for exact times).

Licenses/Stamps/Permits: Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required. See Pages 4-10 for details, exceptions for qualified individuals and landowners.

Night Hunting: Coyote, fox, or raccoon may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions except:

1. During the bow bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 34-37 apply to bow hunting all species.
2. During the regular gun deer season from November 22 - 30 in Non-Metro units and from November 22 - December 14 in Metro-Units, when normal hunting hours listed on pages 34-37 apply to hunting all species. This restriction does not apply during the muzzleloader or Zone T seasons in non-Metro units.

Note: Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is illegal during the 24 hour period prior to the regular 9-day deer gun season (12:00a.m. -11:59 p.m. on Nov. 21), unless at a licensed bird hunting preserve, established range or while waterfowl hunting. Night hunting coyote, fox, or raccoon may begin again at 12:00 a.m. on Dec. 1.

Use of Lights: Shining is prohibited as explained on page 15. However, a flashlight may be used at the point of kill for raccoon, fox and unprotected species (but NOT for coyote) after the animal is located to shoot the animal and to find your way while walking. See page 15 for restrictions.

Electronic Calls: Legal for hunting Raccoon, Fox, Coyote and Bobcat.

Dogs: Legal to use for hunting Raccoon, Fox, Coyote and Bobcat.

Possession and Sale: Carcasses can only be sold during the open season, however, Bobcat carcasses may be retained by the DNR for research purposes. Green skins of Raccoon, Fox, Coyote and Bobcat may not be possessed beginning on the 5th day after season closes.

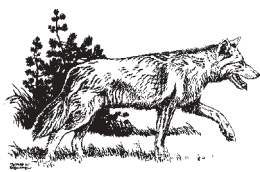
Furbearing Game Animal Hunting Seasons & Regulations *continued*

Weapons:

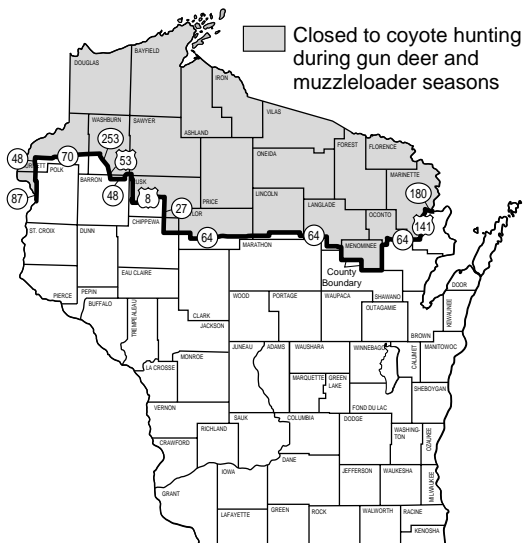
- **Rifles** must have an overall 26" minimum length with 16" minimum barrel length. Note: There is no restriction on rifle caliber size or shell holding capacity, *except* in "shotgun season" areas during the regular gun deer season and the October and December Zone T herd control seasons (see *2003 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*).
- **Shotguns** must have an overall 26" minimum length with 18" minimum barrel length and when used for furbearing species listed on page 25 are not restricted by gauge size or shell holding capacity.
- **Muzzleloaders** of any caliber discharged from the shoulder are legal for the furbearing species listed on page 25.
- **Handguns and Pellet guns** .177 caliber and larger with minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin (or to the breech face in the case of muzzleloading handguns) are legal for the furbearing species listed on page 25.
- **Fully Automatic firearms** are *not* legal to possess or use for hunting.
- **Bow and Arrows** are legal to use with either a small game license or archery license. There is *no* restriction on draw weight for longbow, recurve or compound bows for small game. Blunt tips or broad-heads may be used.
- **Crossbows** are not legal to use except by the following:
 1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
 2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.

- **Vehicles** - All firearms must be unloaded and cased when in or on any vehicle. Bows and Crossbows must be unstrung or in a case whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.



Coyote Season is open all year statewide, *except* in northern Wisconsin where it closes for the 19 day period of the regular gun deer and muzzleloader deer seasons and any Oct. 30-Nov. 2 or Dec. 11-14 Zone T deer hunts (open in areas without Zone T during Nov. 1 Youth Deer Hunt).



Ammunition:

- It is illegal to possess or control *shotshells* loaded with single slug or ball while hunting except during the open gun season for deer or bear.
- It is illegal to possess while hunting, shot or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 2 (or June 1 - Dec. 16 in southern Zone T units or in Metro DMUs.)
- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed when hunting on National Wildlife Refuges that allow hunting and on Waterfowl Production Areas.
- It is legal to hunt the furbearing game animals listed in the table on page 25 with muzzleloaders loaded with a single slug or ball.

Baiting: All baiting must comply with the general baiting rules. See the *2003 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* which will be available in August 2003 for specific baiting regulations.

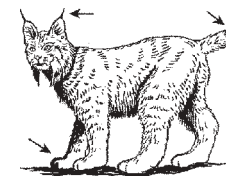
Highways and Roadways:

It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow *from or across* a highway (defined on page 14), or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. See pages 14 and 15 for details and exceptions.

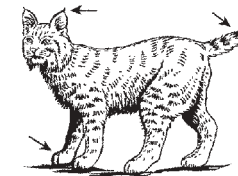
Bobcat:

- A Bobcat harvest permit and carcass tag is required to be in your possession.
- Immediately upon killing a bobcat, the carcass tag must be attached and sealed by passing the wire portion of the tag through the animal's mouth to eye opening, just beneath the skin. The tag must also be validated by slitting the month and date of kill and securing/folding it to over the wire by its adhesive.
- The bobcat pelt must be separated from the carcass and both parts presented to the DNR for registration no later than five days after the month of harvest.
- No person may transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any bobcat pelt unless it bears a DNR carcass tag and registration tag.
- The bobcat carcass may be retained by the DNR for research purposes.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists the Canada lynx, a rare visitor to Wisconsin, as a threatened species. Please help us protect this unique animal through your careful observation. View the illustrations below and if you observe a Canada lynx contact your local DNR office immediately.



Lynx



Bobcat

Lynx are distinguished from bobcat primarily by the tip of their tail, which is completely black. Only the upper half of the tail tip is black on the bobcat. Lynx also have larger ear tufts, are lighter in coloration, have large densely furred feet, and less distinct tracks than bobcat.

Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons & Regulations

*Does not include Waterfowl!**

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2003-2004	
			Opens	Closes
Mourning Dove	15	Statewide	Sept. 1	Oct. 30
Woodcock	3	Statewide	Sept. 20	Nov. 3
Snipe	8	Statewide	Concurrent with duck season**	
Sora and Virginia Rails	25	Statewide	Concurrent with duck season**	

* Waterfowl regulations are printed in a separate publication.

** Duck season not set until after this pamphlet is printed. Contact DNR for dates.

Possession Limits: Twice the daily bag limit for that species.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. (Must subtract 20 minutes from P.M. hours shown in the tables on pages 34-37.)

Note: Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is prohibited on November 21, 2003 unless at a licensed bird hunting preserve, established range or while waterfowl hunting. The above species of migratory game birds are not considered waterfowl.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits: Small Game hunting approval/authorization is also required (State or Federal waterfowl stamps are not required). See Pages 4-10 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals.

HIP Certification: Must be enrolled in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP). (See Page 32 for definition)

Weapons:

- **Rifles** are *not* allowed for hunting any of the above listed Migratory Game Birds.
- **Shotguns** capable of holding more than 3 shells or with bores larger than no. 10 gauge are *not* legal to use for hunting migratory game birds.
- **Muzzleloaders** discharged from the shoulder of any caliber are legal for birds listed above (see Ammunition on page 29).
- **Handguns**, including muzzle-loading handguns, are *not* legal for birds listed above.
- **Bow and Arrows** are legal to use with either a small game license or archery license. There is *no* restriction on draw weight for longbow, recurve or compound bows for small game. Blunt tips or broad-heads may be used.
- **Crossbows** are not legal to use except by the following:
 1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
 2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.

- **Vehicles** - All firearms must be unloaded and cased when in or on any vehicle. Bows and Crossbows must be unstrung or in a case whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.

Ammunition:

- Lead shot up to size BB and Non-toxic shot size BBB and T may be used.
- It is illegal to possess or control while hunting shotshells loaded with single slug or ball except during the open gun deer season.
- It is illegal to hunt game birds with shotguns or rifles loaded with a single slug or ball. **Note:** this prohibition includes muzzle-loading firearms.
- It is illegal to possess while hunting, shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 2 (or June 1- Dec. 16 in southern Zone T or in Metro DMUs.)
- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed when hunting on National Wildlife Refuges that allow hunting and on Waterfowl Production Areas.

Highways and Roadways: It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow *from or across* a highway (defined on page 14), or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. See pages 14 and 15 for details and exceptions.

Electronic Calls: Are prohibited for hunting the migratory game birds listed on page 28.

Dogs: Are legal to use for the migratory game birds listed on page 28.

Possession and Sale: It is *not* legal to sell, purchase or trade any game bird or the parts of any wild game bird, including any migratory game birds listed on page 28.

Transportation: (Special requirements apply for Migratory Game Birds)

May be field dressed, but the head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached while being transported (1) from the field to the persons permanent abode and (2) between a hunting cabin, camp, motel or other temporary abode to the permanent abode.

Baiting: Federal and State Baiting Rules apply to all migratory game birds. It is illegal to hunt migratory game birds by the aid of baiting. Seeds from naturally occurring vegetation or grain or feed scattered solely by normal agricultural operations, which include normal harvesting, normal post-harvest manipulations (see page 32), or other normal agricultural practices is not considered baiting.

Blaze Orange Clothing: Required at certain times for hunting migratory game birds *other than waterfowl*, when a deer firearm or muzzleloader season is occurring. 50% of outer clothing above the waist must be blaze orange, including your hat if one is worn. Includes the one-day youth deer hunt on November 1, the October and December Zone T deer hunts Oct. 30-Nov.2, Dec. 11-14, regular gun deer season Nov. 22-30, muzzleloader season Dec. 1-10, and special CWD hunts.

Power Lines

Discharging firearms at or towards power and utility lines is highly dangerous and could result in injury or death to the individual or bystanders. In addition, those damaging lines can be held responsible for providing restitution for damage to power and utility lines. Please be responsible while in the field and do not shoot at or towards power and utility lines and poles.

Unprotected Species Regulations

Unprotected wild animals

The following wild animals are designated unprotected. No closed season, bag limit, size limit or possession limit applies to these animals:

- Opossum, skunk and weasel.
- Starlings, English sparrows, coturnix quail and chukar partridge.
- Any other wild animal that is not a Game Animal, Game Bird, Game Fish, Fur-bearing Animal, Protected Wild Animal, or Endangered or Threatened Species.

Note: Persons taking unprotected animals must possess a hunting or trapping license and comply with all method of taking requirements and restrictions unless otherwise authorized by the Department of Natural Resources.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits: Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required. See Pages 4-10 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners.

Note: Landowners *are not* exempt from the license requirements and must possess a license or approval that authorizes hunting of small game to take unprotected species.

Night Hunting: Coyote, fox, raccoon or unprotected species may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions except:

1. During the bow bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 34-37 apply to all bow hunting.
2. During the regular gun deer season from November 22 - 30 in Non-Metro units and from November 22 - December 14 in Metro-Units, when normal hunting hours listed on pages 34-37 apply to hunting all species.

Note: Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is illegal during the 24 hour period prior to the regular 9-day deer gun season (12:00a.m. -11:59 p.m. on Nov. 21), unless at a licensed bird hunting preserve, established range or while waterfowl hunting. Night hunting coyote, fox, or raccoon may begin again at 12:00 a.m. on Dec. 1.

Use of Lights: Shining is prohibited as explained on page 15. However, a flashlight may be used at the point of kill for raccoon, fox and unprotected species (but NOT for coyote), after the animal is located to shoot the animal and to find your way while walking. See Page 15 for restrictions.

Note: Possession of loaded or uncased firearms is prohibited on November 21, 2003 unless at a licensed bird hunting preserve, established range or while waterfowl hunting.

Possession and Sale: No possession limit applies to these animals. It is legal to sell the carcass, or skins, or feathers of legally harvested unprotected wild animals.

Highways and Roadways: It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow *from or across* a highway (defined on page 14), or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. See pages 14 and 15 for details and exceptions.

Weapons

- **Rifles** must have an overall 26" minimum length with 16" minimum barrel length. Note: There is no restriction on rifle caliber size or shell holding capacity, *except* in "shotgun season" areas during the regular gun deer season and the October and December Zone T herd control seasons (see *2003 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*). Rifles may not be used to hunt Coturnix quail or Chukar partridge.
- **Shotguns** must have an overall 26" minimum length with 18" minimum barrel length and when used for unprotected animals are not restricted by gauge size or shell holding capacity.
- **Muzzleloaders** of any caliber discharged from the shoulder are legal for unprotected species.
- **Handguns and Pellet guns** .177 caliber and larger with minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin (or to the breech face in the case of muzzleloading handguns) are legal for unprotected species.
- **Fully Automatic firearms** are *not* legal to possess or use for hunting.
- **Bow and Arrows** are legal to use with either a small game license or archery license. There is *no* restriction on draw weight for longbow, recurve or compound bows for small game. Blunt tips or broad-heads may be used.
- **Crossbows** are not legal to use except by the following:
 1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B or Crossbow permit,
 2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older issued a valid archery hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use minimum 14-inch bolts or arrows and broadheads.
- **Vehicles** - All firearms must be *unloaded and cased* when in or on any vehicle. Bows and Crossbows must be unstrung or in a case whenever in or on a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.

Ammunition

- It is illegal to possess or control while hunting shotshells loaded with single slug or ball except during the open gun deer season.
- It is illegal to possess while hunting, shot or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 2 (or June 1 - Dec. 16, in southern Zone T or in Metro DMUs).
- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed when hunting on National Wildlife Refuges that allow hunting and on Waterfowl Production Areas.

Electronic Calls: Electronic calls may be used to hunt unprotected species.

Dogs: Dogs may be used to hunt unprotected species.

Blaze Orange Clothing: Required at certain times for hunting unprotected species, when a deer firearm or muzzleloader season is occurring. 50% of outer clothing above the waist must be blaze orange, including your hat if one is worn. Includes the one-day youth deer hunt on November 1, the October and December Zone T deer hunts Oct. 30-Nov.2, Dec. 11-14, regular gun deer season Nov. 22-30, muzzleloader season Dec. 1-10, and special CWD hunts.

Definitions:

Bait pending modification, see *2003 Wisconsin deer Hunting Regulations*.

Bow means any bow, drawn and held by and through the effort of the person releasing it, but does not include crossbow.

Crossbow means any device using a bow which, once drawn, is held solely by means other than the effort of the person firing it. **Note:** *Draw-Loc type mechanisms that can hold a compound bow at full draw are considered crossbows.*

Daily bag or bag limit means the total number of a particular game species that a person may harvest in one day, no matter how long or often they hunted that day. No one can exceed or attempt to exceed their daily bag limit to assist another hunter to fill their bag limit.

Enclosed within a carrying case for firearms means a firearm must be completely contained in a gun case expressly made for that purpose. The case must fully enclose the firearm by being zipped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened, with no portion of the firearm exposed. Homemade cases are legal if they conform to this definition.

Furbearing animal means beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, and weasel.

Game animals include deer, moose, elk, bear, rabbits, squirrels, fox and raccoon.

Game birds includes wild geese, brant, wild ducks, wild swan, rails, coots, gallinules, snipe, woodcock, plovers, sandpipers, ruffed grouse, prairie chicken, sharp-tailed grouse, pheasants, Hungarian partridge, Chukar partridge, bobwhite, quail, crows and wild turkey.

Handgun means a weapon designed and intended to be fired while held in one hand and to use the energy of an explosive to expel a projectile through a smooth or rifled bore.

Harvest Information Program (HIP): To hunt migratory game birds in Wisconsin, each year, hunters first have to be HIP registered at a license outlet. No individual may hunt any species of migratory game bird including mourning doves, until registered with the department and all hunters must have in their possession proof of registration while hunting migratory game birds.

Highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road.

Hunt or hunting includes shooting, shooting at, pursuing, taking, catching, or killing any wild animal.

Manipulation means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments. The term *manipulation* does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.

Migratory game birds means any bird which is migratory and on which an open season has been prescribed in this chapter and belonging to one of the following families:

- (a) Anatidae. (wild ducks, geese and brant),
- (b) Rallidae. (rails, coots and gallinules),
- (c) Scolopacidae. (woodcock and Wilson's snipe (jacksnipe)).

Muzzleloader means any caliber of muzzleloading firearm discharged from the shoulder.

Native: means any indigenous and occurring, or having occurred, naturally within the boundaries of the this state, regardless of whether a particular specimen originates outside of this state.

Possession limit means the total number of a particular game species that a person may possess at a given time.

Protected species means the following mammals, reptiles and birds which may not be hunted, trapped, or possessed without first obtaining proper DNR authorization: All endangered and threatened species. Mammals—Badger, Canada lynx, cougar, elk, flying squirrel, marten, moose, timber wolf, white deer (all white except for the hooves, tarsal glands, head and parts of the head), wolverine, woodchucks (see landowner exemption, page 10). Reptiles—black rat snake, bull snake, timber rattlesnake and yellow-bellied (blue) racer. Birds—all wild birds (including song birds and blackbirds) not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping and migratory bird regulation pamphlets are protected.

Public road means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation.

Roadway means the portion of the public road which is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.

Shotgun means a smoothbore barreled firearm designed to shoot shotshells. Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18" in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20 and 28.

Unloaded means any of the following:

1. Having no shell or cartridge in the chamber of a firearm or in the magazine, clip, or cylinder attached to a firearm.
2. Having the cap removed from a percussion muzzleloading firearm.
3. Having the flashpan cleaned of powder from a flint lock muzzleloading firearm.

Unprotected species means mammals and birds which can be hunted year-round without bag limits or hunting hours restrictions and includes starling, English (house) sparrow, chukar partridge, coturnix quail, opossum, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping, and migratory game bird regulations pamphlets. A hunting or trapping license is required and normal hunting and trapping hours apply. Note: Grackles, red-winged blackbirds and cowbirds may not be hunted for recreation purposes. They may be killed without a federal permit ONLY IF they are causing damage or are about to cause damage to trees, crops, livestock, or wildlife or unless they are concentrated in large numbers that may constitute a health hazard or other nuisance. Crows may also be killed without a federal permit in these situations.

Always Remember the Four Rules of Firearm Safety

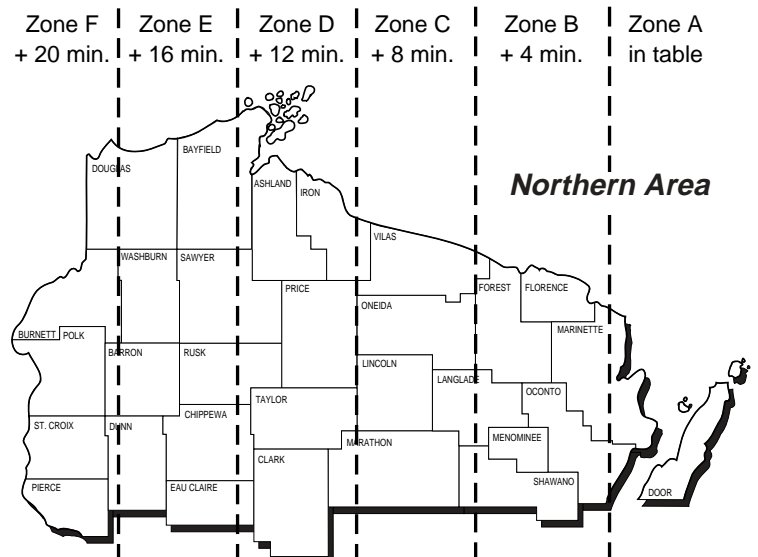
1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be sure of your target and beyond.
4. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

Northern Area Hunting Hours

Zone "A": Small Game, Deer and Bear

	Sept. 2003		Oct. 2003		Nov. 2003		Dec. 2003		Jan. 2004		Feb. 2004		March 2004		April 2004		May 2004		
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7	5:48	7:37	6:26	6:40	6:08	4:49	6:47	4:26	7:00	4:42	6:35	5:24	5:47	6:06	5:48	7:47	4:59	8:25	7
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- Times listed are one-half hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset.
- ** Firearm hunting prohibited on Nov. 21. Hours for permitted hunting are 6:27 – 4:34 (i.e. waterfowl hunting, licensed bird hunting preserves).
- **Calculating Hunting Hours:** Determine your location in either the Northern or Southern Area and add the minutes shown in the zone in which you are hunting to the opening and closing times listed in either the Northern or Southern Area Hunting Hours table.
- **Night Hunting:** Coyote, fox, raccoon or unprotected species may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions except:
 1. During the bow bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 34-36 apply to bow hunting all species.
 2. During the regular gun deer season from November 22 – 30 in Non-Metro units and from November 22 - December 14 in Metro-Units, when normal hunting hours apply to hunting all species.
 - Note: This restriction does not apply during the muzzleloader or Zone T seasons in Non-Metro Deer management Units. Hunting hours restrictions for all hunting do apply to the portion of the muzzleloader season in Metro Units that overlaps with the portion of the deer gun season from December 1 - December 10.



- **Caution:** Consult your migratory bird regulations pamphlet for waterfowl and other migratory bird hunting hours. Mourning dove, woodcock, crows, snipe, and rails are migratory game birds and have different closing hours than other small game. Migratory bird hunting hours end at sunset. (Must subtract 20 minutes from the P.M. column when hunting mourning dove, woodcock and rails.)

Southern Area Hunting Hours

Zone "A": Small Game, Deer and Bear

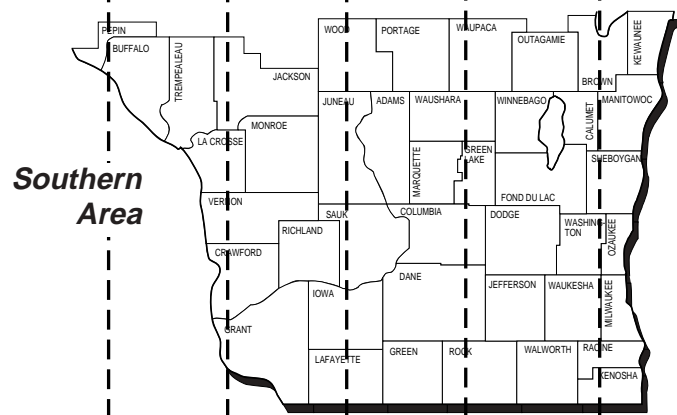
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20	6:05	7:13	6:41	6:20	6:21	4:41	6:51	4:36	6:49	5:06	6:12	5:48	5:24	6:23	5:30	8:00	4:51	8:35	20
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22	6:08	7:09	6:44	6:17	6:24	4:40	6:52	4:37	6:47	5:08	6:09	5:50	5:21	6:26	5:27	8:03	4:49	8:37	22
23	6:09	7:07	6:45	6:15	6:25	4:39	6:52	4:38	6:46	5:10	6:08	5:52	5:19	6:27	5:25	8:04	4:48	8:38	23
24	6:10	7:05	6:46	6:14	6:26	4:39	6:53	4:38	6:46	5:11	6:06	5:53	5:17	6:28	5:24	8:05	4:47	8:39	24
25	6:11	7:03	6:47	6:12	6:27	4:38	6:53	4:39	6:45	5:12	6:04	5:54	5:15	6:29	5:22	8:06	4:47	8:40	25
26	6:12	7:02	5:49	5:11	6:29	4:37	6:53	4:39	6:44	5:14	6:03	5:56	5:13	6:30	5:21	8:08	4:46	8:41	26
27	6:13	7:00	5:50	5:09	6:30	4:37	6:54	4:40	6:43	5:15	6:01	5:57	5:12	6:32	5:19	8:09	4:45	8:41	27
28	6:15	6:58	5:51	5:08	6:31	4:36	6:54	4:41	6:42	5:16	5:59	5:58	5:10	6:33	5:18	8:10	4:44	8:42	28
29	6:16	6:56	5:53	5:06	6:32	4:36	6:54	4:42	6:41	5:18			5:08	6:34	5:16	8:11	4:44	8:43	29
30	6:17	6:54	5:54	5:05	6:33	4:35	6:54	4:42	6:40	5:19			5:06	6:35	5:15	8:12	4:43	8:44	30
31			5:55	5:03			6:55	4:43	6:39	5:20			5:04	6:36			4:43	8:45	31

- Times listed are one-half hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset.
- ** Firearm hunting prohibited on Nov. 21. Hours for permitted hunting are 6:23 – 4:41 (i.e. waterfowl hunting, licensed bird hunting preserves).

Calculating Hunting Hours: Determine your location in either the Northern or Southern Area and add the minutes shown in the zone in which you are hunting to the opening and closing times listed in either the Northern or Southern Area Hunting Hours table.

- **Night Hunting:** Coyote, fox, raccoon or unprotected species may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions except:
 1. During the bow bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 34-36 apply to bow hunting all species.
 2. During the regular gun deer season from November 22 – 30 in Non-Metro units and from November 22 - December 14 in Metro-Units, when normal hunting hours apply to hunting all species.
- Note: This restriction does not apply during the muzzleloader or Zone T seasons in Non-Metro Deer management Units. Hunting hours restrictions for all hunting do apply to the portion of the muzzleloader season in Metro Units that overlaps with the portion of the deer gun season from December 1 - December 10.

Zone F | Zone E | Zone D | Zone C | Zone B | Zone A
+ 20 min. | + 16 min. | + 12 min. | + 8 min. | + 4 min. | in table



- **Caution:** Consult your migratory bird regulations pamphlet for waterfowl and other migratory bird hunting hours. Mourning dove, woodcock, crows, snipe, and rails are migratory game birds and have different closing hours than other small game. Migratory bird hunting hours end at sunset. (Must subtract 20 minutes from the P.M. column when hunting mourning dove, woodcock and rails.)

Your Investment in Wisconsin's Fish and Wildlife 2001-2002

Tracking the Fish & Wildlife Account

Fish & Wildlife account
\$88.8 million
19.2%



\$461.8 million
total DNR
costs FY02

How the Fish & Wildlife account money gets spent ...

1. Wildlife

- 25.5¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$22.7 million Total • 158 Staff
- 20% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Improve habitat and manage non-game species, manage public lands, develop regulations, issue permits, reimburse farmers, stock game species, inform and educate the public, conduct research and monitor diseases, pay program operations costs.

2. Fish

- 26.6¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$23.6 million Total • 267 Staff
- 31% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Evaluate fish populations and conduct research, rear and stock fish, protect and improve habitat, inform and educate the public, develop rules and regulations, pay program operations costs.

3. Enforcement

- 18.2¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$16.1 million Total • 136 Staff
- 18% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Enforce fishing, hunting and trapping laws, inform and educate the public, provide hunter education program, manage car-killed deer disposal, pay program operations costs.

4. Facilities & Lands

- 10¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$8.9 million Total • 65 Staff
- 8% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Acquire public hunting grounds, fisheries properties and boating access sites, plan for public use of lands and facilities, manage

and maintain dnr lands, design and build recreational and public use facilities.

5. Licenses

- 7.6¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$6.7 million Total • 70 Staff
- 8% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Sell hunting, fishing, trapping licenses, issue special wildlife harvest permits, license game farms, inform and educate the public, pay program operations costs.

6. Regional Management

- 3.6¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$3.2 million Total • 36 Staff
- 4% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Maintain contact with local government and conservation groups on fish & wildlife issues, direct local staff and work, develop and lead local partnership teams, oversee consistency of decisions and policies across regions.

7. Administration

- 8.5¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
- \$7.6 million Total • 95 Staff
- 11% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions
- Meet with fishing and hunting organizations, government agencies, legislators and the public, provide legal services, administer programs funded by fish and wildlife account, manage collective bargaining, recruiting and hiring, provide computer support and computerized mapping services, pay bills and manage payroll, benefits and financial records, communicate with media, citizens and teachers, manage and distribute grants, provide mail services and distribute publications.

The \$88.8 million Fish & Wildlife account comes from the following sources of revenue:

Fishing and hunting licenses and stamps	65%
Misc. grants, donations and other sources	17%
SFR (Sport Fish Restoration federal aid)	8%
PR (Pittman Robertson federal wildlife aid)	6%
Wildlife damage surcharge	4%
Total	100%

Safety Message

Almost every hunting incident can be avoided. Hunters must follow the five basic rules of firearms safety to make sure that they and other hunters are safe. Every hunting incident involves a violation of one of these four basic rules:

Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.

Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.

Be certain of your target and what's beyond it.

Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you're ready to shoot.

If every hunter followed these four basic rules we could eliminate hunting injuries and fatalities. Wisconsin's volunteer hunter education instructors, conservation wardens, and the WDNR work hard to promote the basics of safe and responsible hunting. Safe hunting is no accident and hunting safely is the responsibility of every hunter. For your sake and that of your fellow hunters, make safety your first priority on every hunting trip.

Tim Lawhern
DNR Hunter Education Administrator

TV Show for Kids

Into the Outdoors is DNR's Emmy Award winning TV show for kids. The half-hour program is hosted by kids who use the Internet to find other kids their age doing outdoor activities and learning about the environment. The show is linked to *EEK!*, DNR's web site for kids, and airs on weekend mornings. See local TV listings for times and stations.



Questions?

Call the DNR Service Center nearest you.

Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

**For updated information about deer season issues call the
WI DNR Hunting Season Information Line 1-800-282-0367**

South Central Region (Madison)	608-275-3266
Dodgeville	608-935-3368
Horicon	920-387-7860
Janesville	608-743-4800
Poynette	608-635-8110
Southeast Region (Milwaukee)	414-263-8500
Hartford (Pike Lake)	262-670-3400
Kettle Moraine State Forest (North)	262-626-2116
Kettle Moraine State Forest (South)	262-594-6200
Plymouth	920-892-8756
Sturtevant	262-884-2300
Waukesha	262-574-2100
West Central Region (Eau Claire)	715-839-3700
Baldwin	715-684-2914
Black River Falls	715-284-1400
La Crosse	608-785-9000
Wausau	715-359-4522
Wisconsin Rapids	715-421-7800
Northern Region	
Antigo	715-627-4317
Ashland	715-685-2900
Cumberland	715-822-3590
Hayward	715-634-2688
Ladysmith	715-532-3911
Park Falls	715-762-3204
Rhineland	715-365-8900
Spooner	715-635-2101
Superior	715-392-7988
Woodruff	715-356-5211
Northeast Region (Green Bay)	920-492-5800
Oshkosh	920-424-3050
Peshtigo	715-582-5000
Sturgeon Bay	920-746-2860
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